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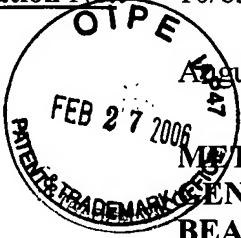
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**Group Art Unit:** 1742

**For:** **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FORMING A DYNAMIC PRESSURE-GENERATING GROOVE IN A FLUID DYNAMIC PRESSURE BEARING**



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Sir:

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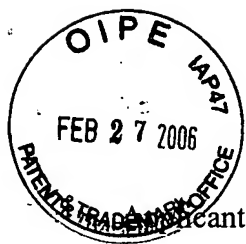
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF JANUARY 25, 2006**

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of January 25, 2006, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on February 27, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

In reply to the Office Action of January 25, 2006, Applicants hereby submit the following:

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected under the heading Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 4 of this paper.